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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6249**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 224

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 28, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Long

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** CR Adopted - 1<sup>st</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2003.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission will consist of 17 members; including 6 legislative members, 8 lay members, and 3 state employees. Legislative members and lay members will be entitled to a per diem and a mileage reimbursement. State employees appointed to the Commission are entitled to a mileage reimbursement.

Legislative members would be entitled to per diem (currently \$129) and mileage reimbursement (\$0.345). Assuming that the Commission met 12 times a year, per diem costs are estimated at \$9,288. Assuming that the average mileage round trip for each meeting is 100 miles per member, mileage costs are estimated at \$2,484. Total annual costs for legislative members are estimated at \$11,772. Mileage and per diem for legislative members would be paid from the appropriations made to the Legislative Council.

Lay members would be entitled to \$50 per diem and \$0.345 mileage reimbursement. Assuming that the Commission met 12 times during the year, per diem costs for lay members are estimated at \$4,800. Assuming that the average mileage round trip for the meeting is 100 miles per lay member, mileage costs are estimated at \$3,312. Total annual costs for lay members are estimated at \$8,112. Mileage and per diem for lay members would be paid from the appropriations made to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The three state employees on the Commission would also be eligible to receive mileage. However, if all meetings were held in Indianapolis at the State Office Building Complex, there would be no additional

mileage expense. Mileage for state employees would be paid from the appropriations made to the DNR.

The proposal also provides for a citizen advisory board. Members of the board are not entitled to per diem, mileage, or other expenses.

Total annual per diem and travel costs are estimated at **\$19,884**.

The DNR will staff the Commission. The Department may also experience additional expenses associated with providing and coordinating activities associated with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial celebration. The expenses of the Commission are to be paid from money appropriated to the DNR. The Commission expires January 1, 2010.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** The Commission may seek federal grants and philanthropic support for bicentennial activities.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Natural Resources; Legislative Council; Legislative Services Agency.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local governments planning or participating in bicentennial activities.

**Information Sources:**

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